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SUBJECT: US/BOLIVIAN AGREEMENT FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION

REF: (A) STATE 093306, (B) STATE 117991, (C) STATE 149913

1. EMBASSY CALLED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ASKED ABOUT GOB RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO (REF B). MINISTRY SAID TREATY WAS RATIFIED BY MEANS OF SUPREME DECREE 11059 OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1973. CAPTAIN FRANCISCO MARIACA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COBOEN, SAID HE WILL NOW BEGIN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE GOB NEGOTIATES ITS SAFEGUARD AGREEMENTS WITH THE IAEA. THIS WILL APPARENTLY BE DONE THROUGH THE REGIONAL OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY. COBOEN SAID IT WOULD CONTACT DR HECTOR GROS SPIELL OF OPANAL (ORGANIZACION PARA LA PROSCRIPCION DE ARMAS NUCLEARES EN AMERICA LATINA).

2. EMBOFF HAS CONCLUDED PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH TECHNICAL LEVEL PEOPLE AT COBOEN RE FIRST STEPS TOWARD CONCLUSION OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT WITH GOB. WHE HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO POSE RE DRAFT AGREEMENT SPELLED OUT IN REF A:

A) CAN BOLIVIA COUNT ON SOME ECONOMIC COOPERATION FROM THE US FOR ITS NUCLEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 3(A)(B)?

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FOR EXAMPLE IN PURCHASING A RESEARCH NUCLEAR REACTOR?

B) WE PRESUME THAT ARTICLE 10 OR ANOTHER ARTICLE DOES NOT RPT NOT GIVE THE USG THE RIGHT TO INSPECT MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO BOLIVIA BY OTHER COUNTRIES. IS THIS CORRECT? OF COURSE, UNDER ARTICLE 10 THE US CAN GIVE UP CONTROL RIGHTS TO A THIRD COUNTRY.

C) IN REGARD TO ARTICLE 14, WHAT IS THE TIME PERIOD FOR
THE AGREEMENT? IS IT A FIXED PERIOD OR IS IT NEGOTIABLE?

3. EMBASSY HAS SENT A LETTER INFORMING COBOEN OF THE
CONTENTS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S UN SPEECH (REF C).

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT THE NEXT STEP IN
THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS SHOULD BE APART FROM THE NEED FOR
BOLIVIA TO CONCLUDE A SAFEGUARD AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA.
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